

Washington Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

2003 Tobacco Survey Results

Walla Walla County

What is your age?

n = 209

18 - 34	22.3%	(± 7.0%)
35 - 54	34.2	(± 7.2)
55 - 74	30.2	(± 6.8)
75+	13.3	(± 5.5)

Gender

n = 209

Male	50.9%	(± 7.7%)
Female	49.1	(± 7.7)

Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race...

n = 205

White	88.3%	(± 6.0%)
Black or African American	1.0	(± 1.4)
Asian	0.0	(± 0.0)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.6	(± 1.2)
American Indian, Alaska Native	1.4	(± 2.0)
Other race	8.7	(± 5.5)
No preferred race	0.0	(± 0.0)

Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

n = 209

Yes	12.4%	(± 6.0%)
No	87.6	(± 6.0)

Marital status

n = 209

Married	66.7%	(± 7.1%)
Divorced	8.6	(± 3.5)
Widowed	8.9	(± 3.6)
Separated	1.5	(± 1.2)
Never been married	11.1	(± 4.9)
Or a member of an unmarried couple	3.3	(± 4.1)

How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?

n = 209

None	59.5%	(± 7.7%)
1	14.2	(± 6.0)
2	19.4	(± 6.5)
3 or more	6.9	(± 3.7)

What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

n = 209

Some high school or less	11.3%	(± 5.4%)
High school graduate or GED	20.8	(± 6.7)
Some college or technical school	32.1	(± 7.0)
College graduate or more	35.8	(± 7.1)

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Are you currently. . .	n = 209	
Employed for wages	44.1%	(± 7.7%)
Self-employed	7.8	(± 3.9)
Out of work	6.7	(± 4.3)
Homemaker	10.5	(± 4.4)
Student	2.7	(± 2.2)
Retired	21.8	(± 6.4)
Or unable to work	6.3	(± 3.3)

Annual household income from all sources	n = 189	
Less than \$20,000	21.8%	(± 7.0%)
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	42.7	(± 7.9)
\$50,000 or more	35.5	(± 7.6)

Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?	n = 263	
Yes	44.1%	(± 7.1%)
No	55.9	(± 7.1)

<i>Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their entire life:</i>		
Do you now smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?	n = 109	
Everyday	35.1%	(± 11.3%)
Some days	10.1	(± 7.0)
Not at all	54.8	(± 11.5)

<i>Among current smokers:</i>		
During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for 1 day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?	n = 49	
Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Current cigarette smoking prevalence:	n = 263	
(every day or some day smokers among the whole population)	19.9%	(± 6.2%)

<i>Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes:</i>		
Did you smoke any cigarettes during the past 30 days?	n = 83	
Yes	40.5%	(± 12.2%)
No	59.5	(± 12.2)

<i>Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:</i>		
On how many days of the past 30 days did you smoke cigarettes?	n = 33	
Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

<i>Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:</i>		
On average, about how many cigarettes per day do you smoke, on the days that you do smoke?	n = 34	
Average:	*	*

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Have you ever tried using smokeless tobacco, like chew, dip or snuff?	n = 203	
Yes	19.3%	(± 6.7%)
No	80.7	(± 6.7)

Among those that have ever tried smokeless tobacco:

On how many of the past 30 days did you use smokeless tobacco products?	n = 34	
None	*	*
Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

Current smokeless tobacco prevalence:	n = 203	
(any use in past 30 days among the whole population)	2.4%	(± 2.6%)

Do you currently smoke tobacco in a pipe?	n = 203	
Yes	2.6%	(± 2.9%)
No	97.4	(± 2.9)

In the past month, have you smoked a cigar, even just a puff?	n = 203	
Yes	6.2%	(± 4.0%)
No	93.8	(± 4.0)

In the past month, have you smoked bidis?	n = 203	
Yes	1.7%	(± 2.4%)
No	98.3	(± 2.4)

In the past month, have you smoked clove cigarettes?	n = 203	
Yes	0.6%	(± 1.2%)
No	99.4	(± 1.2)

Current tobacco use (all types of tobacco)	n = 203	
Current daily tobacco user	24.1%	(± 6.9%)
Current non-tobacco user	75.9	(± 6.9)

Among former smokers:

About how long has it been since you last smoked cigarettes regularly, that is, daily?	n = 49	
Within the past month (less than 1 month ago)	*	*
Within the past 3 months (1-3 months ago)	*	*
Within the past 6 months (3-6 months ago)	*	*
Within the past year (6-12 months ago)	*	*
Within the past 5 years (1-5 years ago)	*	*
Within the past 15 years (5-15 years ago)	*	*
More than 15 years ago	*	*
Never used regularly	*	*

Among former smokers:

When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day? n = 45

Average: * *

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco on a Native American reservation? n = 44

Yes * *

No * *

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco from the Internet? n = 45

Yes * *

No * *

Among current tobacco users:

During the past month, did you buy tobacco outside the state to save money - not just because you were traveling? n = 44

Yes * *

No * *

Among current/former tobacco users:

People close to me are/were upset by my using tobacco. n = 83

Strongly agree	56.0%	(± 12.5%)
Somewhat agree	18.9	(± 11.2)
Somewhat disagree	9.9	(± 7.6)
Strongly disagree	15.2	(± 7.9)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a family member or friend advised you to quit, if ever? n = 88

Within the past year (1-12 months)	38.1%	(± 11.6%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	3.0	(± 3.5)
3 or more years ago	34.0	(± 11.6)
They never advised me to quit	24.8	(± 9.8)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DOCTOR or other healthcare provider advised you to quit, if ever? n = 89

Within the past year (1-12 months)	16.7%	(± 7.9%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	5.0	(± 4.4)
3 or more years ago	12.5	(± 6.4)
They never advised me to quit	65.8	(± 10.4)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DENTIST advised you to quit, if ever?	n = 89	
Within the past year (1-12 months)	5.3%	(± 5.8%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	1.0	(± 2.0)
3 or more years ago	5.2	(± 4.7)
They never advised me to quit	88.5	(± 7.4)

Among those advised to quit:

Did the health care professional who advised to quit offer any help, or refer you to a source of help to quit tobacco use?	n = 43	
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Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current/former tobacco users:

How many times in your life have you seriously tried to quit using tobacco?	n = 82	
0	14.1%	(± 8.5%)
1-2	48.9	(± 12.4)
3-5	19.3	(± 10.2)
6 or more	17.7	(± 9.2)

About how long has it been since you last visited a DOCTOR for a routine checkup?	n = 201	
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Within the past year (1-12 months ago)	86.1%	(± 5.3%)
Within the past two years (1-2 years ago)	4.5	(± 3.0)
Within the past 3 years (2-3 years ago)	3.6	(± 3.1)
Within the past 5 years (3-5 years ago)	1.7	(± 2.0)
5 or more years ago	4.1	(± 2.9)
Never	0.0	(± 0.0)

What type of health coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care? Is it coverage through. . .	n = 179	
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Your employer	33.2%	(± 7.7%)
Someone else's employer	21.0	(± 6.9)
A plan that you or someone buys on your own	7.1	(± 4.0)
Medicare	27.0	(± 7.2)
Medicaid or Medical Assistance	8.2	(± 4.4)
The military, CHAMPUS, or the VA	3.0	(± 2.5)
The Indian Health Service	0.5	(± 1.0)
Some other source	0.0	(± 0.0)

Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, have you heard about any programs in your community to help you quit using tobacco, such as classes, support groups or counseling services?	n = 38	
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Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, did you participate in any kind of program, class or group to help you quit using tobacco? n = 38

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers with health care coverage:

Does your health care insurance coverage pay for the cost of any help to quit using tobacco, such as a stop-smoking program or nicotine patches, pills or other medications? n = 27

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers:

During the past year, did you use nicotine patches, pills or other medication to help you quit using tobacco? n = 38

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers:

Have you heard about the Washington State "Quit-Line" - a telephone support service to help people quit using tobacco? n = 38

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":

Have you called the Quit line? n = 25

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

Would you like to quit using tobacco? n = 42

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users who would like to quit:

Are you seriously considering quitting tobacco use within the next 6 months? n = 25

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users considering quitting within 6 months:

Are you planning to stop within the next 30 days? n = 23

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

Are you currently registered to vote?	n = 200	
Yes	82.7%	(± 6.5%)
No	17.3	(± 6.5)

Which of the following statements best describes the rules about smoking in your home. . .	n = 202	
No one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside your home	86.4%	(± 5.0%)
Smoking is allowed at some places or at some times	6.6	(± 3.7)
Smoking is permitted anywhere inside your home	7.0	(± 3.6)

How many people, including you, who live in your household currently smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?	n = 202	
No current smokers in household	75.1%	(± 7.0%)
1	17.9	(± 5.9)
2	3.1	(± 2.9)
3 or more	3.8	(± 3.8)

On how many of the past 30 days has someone, including you, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?	n = 201	
None	91.2%	(± 4.0%)
Less than 30	4.1	(± 2.9)
30 days	4.7	(± 2.8)

If it were just up to you, would you let people smoke inside your home?	n = 202	
Yes	8.5%	(± 3.7%)
No	91.5	(± 3.7)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

When you are at work, do you spend most of your time in an. . .	n = 104	
Office	38.8%	(± 10.4%)
Store	8.5	(± 5.8)
Restaurant or Bar	3.4	(± 3.5)
Warehouse or factory	5.2	(± 4.9)
Home/Someone elses home	7.6	(± 5.9)
Outdoors	19.8	(± 10.2)
Car or truck	2.7	(± 3.2)
Classroom	5.6	(± 3.8)
Hospital	8.4	(± 6.5)
Somewhere else	0.0	(± 0.0)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Some or all indoor work areas?	n = 105	
Yes	7.6%	(± 6.0%)
No	92.4	(± 6.0)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Employee lunchrooms or lounges? n = 105

Yes	5.0%	(± 4.7%)
No	95.0	(± 4.7)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . A different designated indoor smoking area? n = 104

Yes	4.2%	(± 3.9%)
No	95.8	(± 3.9)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

In a typical week, how many hours would you say that you are in a room or car with secondhand smoke while you are at work? n = 106

None	88.8%	(± 6.8%)
Less than one hour	8.5	(± 5.8)
One hour or more	2.7	(± 3.8)

In general, would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . . n = 199

Not at all annoying to you	9.0%	(± 4.2%)
A little bit annoying	12.3	(± 5.9)
Somewhat annoying	22.2	(± 7.1)
Very annoying to you	56.5	(± 8.0)

Would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . . n = 197

Not at all harmful	1.0%	(± 1.3%)
A little bit harmful	6.1	(± 3.8)
Somewhat harmful	20.5	(± 6.1)
Very harmful	72.5	(± 6.8)

All people should be protected from secondhand smoke. n = 188

Strongly agree	63.4%	(± 7.7%)
Somewhat agree	22.1	(± 6.5)
Somewhat disagree	9.2	(± 4.3)
Strongly disagree	5.3	(± 3.6)

All children should be protected from secondhand smoke. n = 199

Strongly agree	89.4%	(± 4.5%)
Somewhat agree	9.7	(± 4.4)
Somewhat disagree	0.7	(± 1.0)
Strongly disagree	0.2	(± 0.3)

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in restaurants? n = 200

Yes	64.2%	(± 7.9%)
No	31.7	(± 7.8)
Don't know/Not sure	4.0	(± 2.7)

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in bars and lounges?		n = 201
Yes	34.7%	(± 7.3%)
No	57.8	(± 7.6)
Don't know/Not sure	7.6	(± 3.8)

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in outdoor public areas where children may be present?		n = 201
Yes	51.2%	(± 7.8%)
No	43.7	(± 7.7)
Don't know/Not sure	5.1	(± 4.4)

Local law enforcement officials should place a high priority on enforcing laws that ban the possession of tobacco products by minors.		n = 192
Strongly agree	65.8%	(± 7.6%)
Somewhat agree	18.7	(± 6.8)
Somewhat disagree	11.1	(± 4.3)
Strongly disagree	4.5	(± 2.8)

The city or town where you live should establish as many strong rules and laws as possible to protect nonsmokers, including children, from secondhand smoke.		n = 194
Strongly agree	58.5%	(± 7.9%)
Somewhat agree	22.0	(± 7.0)
Somewhat disagree	14.1	(± 5.0)
Strongly disagree	5.5	(± 3.2)

School officials should make sure that all children receive anti-tobacco education.		n = 200
Strongly agree	83.3%	(± 6.1%)
Somewhat agree	11.3	(± 4.7)
Somewhat disagree	4.0	(± 4.4)
Strongly disagree	1.4	(± 1.5)

Tobacco use by adults should not be allowed on school grounds or at any school events.		n = 199
Strongly agree	85.5%	(± 6.6%)
Somewhat agree	9.1	(± 5.1)
Somewhat disagree	5.2	(± 4.6)
Strongly disagree	0.2	(± 0.5)

Have you seen or heard about any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to prevent or reduce tobacco use among youth?		n = 189
Yes	41.1%	(± 7.9%)
No	58.9	(± 7.9)

Among people who have seen or heard of community efforts/activities:

Have you participated in any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to help reduce tobacco use among youth? n = 94

Yes	15.1%	(± 7.2%)
No	84.9	(± 7.2)

Among people who have seen or heard of community efforts/activities:

To your knowledge, has there been a local anti-tobacco or anti-smoking organization working in your community over the past few years? n = 95

Yes	32.0%	(± 10.1%)
No	45.7	(± 11.3)
Don't know/Not sure	22.3	(± 9.0)

Among people who know of anti-tobacco organizations in their community:

Do you approve of what this local organization is doing to prevent tobacco use and help people quit? n = 31

Definitely yes	*	*
Probably yes	*	*
Probably no	*	*
Definitely no	*	*

There are more negative things than positive things about smoking.

n = 199

Strongly agree	92.1%	(± 3.9%)
Somewhat agree	4.5	(± 3.0)
Somewhat disagree	1.3	(± 1.6)
Strongly disagree	2.1	(± 2.1)

Smoking sometimes makes a person more attractive.

n = 199

Strongly agree	1.7%	(± 1.7%)
Somewhat agree	0.8	(± 1.1)
Somewhat disagree	5.0	(± 3.5)
Strongly disagree	92.6	(± 4.0)

There are so many things that cause cancer, tobacco use is not going to make any difference.

n = 198

Strongly agree	9.0%	(± 4.5%)
Somewhat agree	2.2	(± 2.0)
Somewhat disagree	9.3	(± 4.6)
Strongly disagree	79.5	(± 6.3)

Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company logo or picture on it?

n = 197

Yes	11.0%	(± 4.6%)
No	89.0	(± 4.6)

Do you currently have a piece of clothing, or other item that has a tobacco brand or logo on it?	n = 200	
Yes	9.0%	(± 4.3%)
No	91.0	(± 4.3)

During the past year, have you received a free sample or coupon for a free sample of cigarettes or other tobacco products?	n = 199	
Yes	17.7%	(± 5.7%)
No	82.3	(± 5.7)

During the past year have you been somewhere, such as concert or special event, where tobacco companies were having a promotion - for example, giving away free samples or having a special give-away?	n = 199	
Yes	14.6%	(± 5.9%)
No	85.4	(± 5.9)

Tobacco companies should have the same rights to advertise their products as other companies.	n = 190	
Strongly agree	21.9%	(± 6.5%)
Somewhat agree	20.1	(± 6.9)
Somewhat disagree	14.5	(± 6.2)
Strongly disagree	43.5	(± 8.0)

Among people with children ages 12 to 17:

Which of the following best describes the way you have discussed the dangers of tobacco use with your child. . .	n = 34	
We have talked about the dangers of tobacco use many times	*	*
We have had at least one conversation that I can remember	*	*
I don't remember a specific conversation, but my child knows how I feel	*	*
For now, I have not talked with my child about the dangers of tobacco use	*	*

Among people with children ages 12 to 17:

Have you told your child specifically that you do not want him or her to use tobacco?	n = 35	
Yes	*	*
No	*	*